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Wilberforce - Sunday, December 11th starting at 12:15 p.m.

The Jolly one will be on hand for pictures after each
of the parades.

Lions to Collect for Food Bank at Santa Claus Parade

As they do each year, the Haliburton Lions Club will
be collecting for the food bank at the Haliburton
Village Santa Claus parade on Sunday
November 27. Watch for Lions members
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The Highlands Community Learning Centre at Victoria Street School will hold an Open House on Thursday, November 24 from 12 to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

Our primary purpose is to officially open the new pizza oven in our renovated kitchen. The Hospitality and Tourism students are cooking up a storm, and have already prepared fruit trays, muffins and pizzas for students in the elementary schools in Haliburton. They will be serving tasty treats from the pizza oven at the open house, and will also be holding a bake sale.

Also, to raise money for the school, Sandra Bradley of Pampered Chef is organizing displays from local salespeople. Each salesperson will be donating some of their proceeds to the school, so you can do some Christmas shopping and help the school at the same time. The list is not finalized, but Pampered Chef, Usborne Books, Herbalife, and Mary Kay are some of the salespeople we expect to have.

If you have been a student at the Learning Centre in the past, please come for a visit and see what's new with us now. If you have never been here, please come and check us out. It's a great chance to see the wide variety of programs we offer. The high school credits are only the beginning!

The official ribbon cutting at the pizza oven will be held at 4:30 on Thursday afternoon. For more information, call the school at 457-4562.

Community Care Christmas Lunches

Christmas Lunch in Haliburton November 29

On November 29 is the Christmas Lunch in Haliburton at Win Yeung's. Chef Alex is preparing 4 items that have never before been served at this restaurant. This will be a Chinese Christmas Feast.

Community Care Christmas Lunch in Minden December 6

On December 6, Community Care Haliburton County will be holding a Christmas Luncheon at the Dominion Hotel. This lunch will be prepared by Chef Thompson. He will be preparing a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings and ending the meal with an old fashioned bread pudding. You can purchase your tickets through Community Care 457-2941

Community Care Christmas Lunch in Harcourt December 14

On December 14, at 12 noon Community Care is hosting a Christmas Luncheon at the South Algonquin Cookhouse in Harcourt. Chef John will be preparing a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. He will end the meal with a fabulous apple crisp. Remember we always have great fun, good food and many surprises.

Tickets

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In Business For a Century for All The Right Reasons

Curry Motors has been one of Haliburton's major businesses for the better part of the last century. So it's perhaps fitting that as this new century gets fully underway the company has seen fit to undertake a major expansion – including moving their business into a beautiful new building on a commanding location on County 21 just outside of Haliburton Village.

In many ways, the history of Haliburton is the history of Curry Motors. The company founder, William R. Curry, opened his first livery stable on Haliburton's main street in 1906 – so in fact you could argue that the business is in fact a century old. At one time W.R. Curry owned 30 horses, but as the automobile slowly but surely proved to more than a fad, W.R. sold the stables and in 1919 opened his first garage on the site of the present Rexall Drug Store as W.R. Curry and Son. For the first few years W.R., together with his son Ronald, sold Shell gas and oil products, and Ford cars and trucks. But in 1923 the family business began its association with General Motors, changed its name to Curry Motors, and has never looked back. The next year it started to sell Imperial Oil products, and that relationship lasted the rest of the century as well.

In fact, in matters of business and in relationships with its customers and its employees, Curry Motors has a truly remarkable record of loyalty and longevity. As Len Salvatori, employee and eventually part owner for some 45 years explains, "We hired good, solid people. The people I worked with I enjoyed working with every day. We were together in the trenches, and even though I was the boss, I was one of them."

Curry Motors prospered and grew during the 1920s: in 1929 the company had six employees and sold 45 new cars and trucks. When the Depression hit, Curry's was well



Don Popple

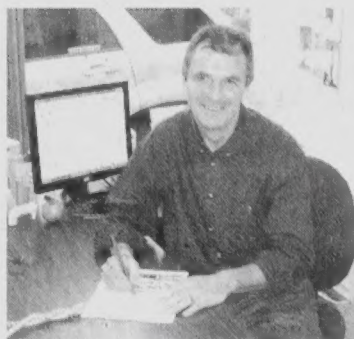
positioned to survive, and did so in style. The company moved again, this time to the site of the old Valu Mart (now the Bargain Shop). And after World War II ended the company was one of the few dealerships to be granted the right to sell the full range of GM products including Chevrolets, Oldsmobiles, Pontiacs, Buicks, and GMC trucks. In 1948 the company made plans to move again and on March 12th, 1949 opened its brand new showroom on the corner of Highland and Maple Streets, where it remains to this day. Curry's has been such a part of the landscape of Haliburton Village that it's hard to imagine that corner without it. And on moving day there'll undoubtedly be many people, employees, customers and friends who will have a lot of mixed feelings.

W.R. Curry eventually passed the company on to his son Ron, who in turn retired in 1969, giving the reigns to his son Peter. In 1982 Peter sold his interest to a group comprising the company's business manager Don Popple (husband of Peter's sister Sheila), Len Salvatori, manager of the body shop, and Joe Iles, the long-time sales manager. Popple became President, Salvatori Secretary-Treasurer, and Iles Vice President. Joe and Len retired during the last decade, but their sons, Mike and Andy respectively, both work at Curry's and continue their families' interests.

Len Salvatori isn't surprised by the amazing percentage of Curry employees who have spent the majority of their working lives at the company. "After all, Russell Johnston, who was born in the last part of the 19th century, and who was hired by W.R. Curry himself, spent his entire 53 year working career with the



Mike Iles



Andy Salvatori

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company." Joe Iles joined the company in 1941 and was directly responsible for hiring Len in the early 1950s. "I was in Toronto at the time, and Joe bumped into me on the street one day. In those days wages were slim, and Toronto was expensive. Joe persuaded me to come back home and join Curry's," says Len. "And I was happy to do it."

"We were always a customer-oriented company: anyone who worked for us realized you had to do the best for the customer," says Len.

"That's what you expect if you're going to survive the better part of a century in business. But it's a great business to be in, a lot of work, but a lot of variety. You make good friends, and you feel good about yourself at the end of the day."



Marj Howard at Administration



Dale Emmerson & John McNeil at parts



Larry Dack & Cleve Shaw
- Technicians

But Curry's employee longevity record is exceptional by any standard. Here's just a partial list of current employees, with their years of service to Curry's: Parts Manager Dale Emmerson, 34 years; Bob

Johnston, Sales, 22 years; Marj Howard, Administration, 27 years; John McNeil, Parts, 32 years; Wren Billings, Auto Body, 36 years; Bruce Swinson, Garage, 35 years; Helen Burk, Receptionist, 25 years; Cleve Shaw, Technician, 24 years; Larry Dack - 22 Years - Technician; Leigh Bull, Sales, 18 years.; Don Miller - Technician, 20 years.; Greg Smith - Warranty Clerk - 20, David Cook, Auto Body, 24 years; and it goes on and on.

Joe's son Mike Iles, the Service Manager, 17 years, and Andy Salvatori, Sales, 13 years, must sometimes feel like the new guys on the block. "We're still the kids, I guess," Andy jokes, "everyone here has such a history with us, but that can be a real plus for sales. In this business you have to really know your market when we buy our year's inventory. It's history mixed with experience, that's the key. And we sure have lots of both. And if we don't have exactly what car or truck you want, we can still usually find it."

Both W.R. Curry and his son Ronald were devoted to the Haliburton community and both served for many years on Dysart's Council. The current owners, the Popple, Salvatori, and Iles families are all steeped in Haliburton's traditions of community service and progress.

"We were determined to make this move right," says Don Popple. "We worked very hard over the last few years with the County, the Municipality, and our architects to make sure we built the best possible facility we could."

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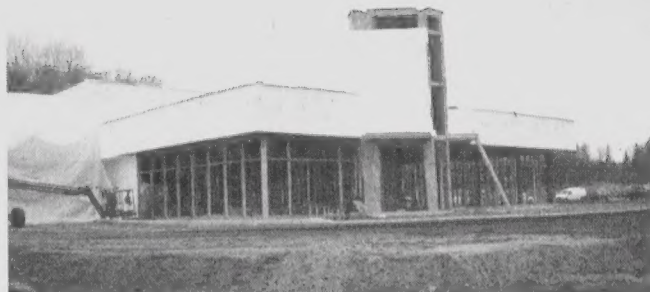


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Wren Billings, Helen
Burk & David Cook -
Auto Body

Don Miller - Technician &
Greg Smith - Warranty
Clerk



Almost Ready -
The New Curry's
Location (above) is
almost complete. Below
is the current location
soon to be no more.



Bob
Johnston,
Leigh Bull,
Bob Bullock
- Sales



room and service facilities as well as ample room for the company's impressive inventory of new and used cars and trucks. "This is a new century - it was the right time for us to move, no question," says Popple. "But we're all aware at Curry's of what the community has meant to us, and vice versa, over the years. And that's not going to change, I guarantee it."

The new Curry Motors will be open sometime in mid December, with a Grand Opening scheduled for the spring of 2006, a full one hundred years since W.R. Curry opened his livery stable for business, in Haliburton.

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Highland Images

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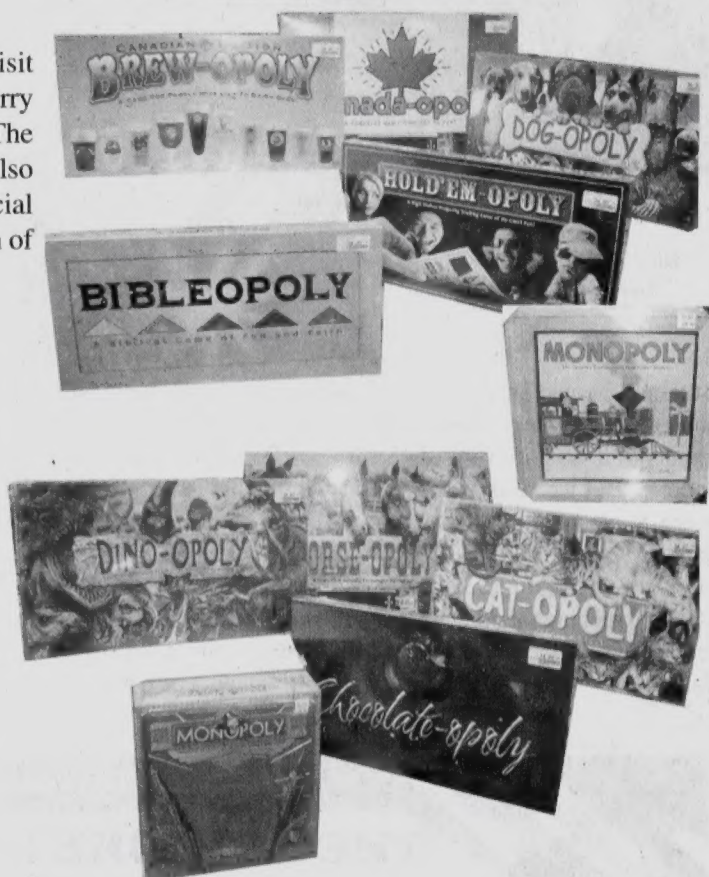
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- Dr. Irvine Page of the Cleveland Clinic, 1966.

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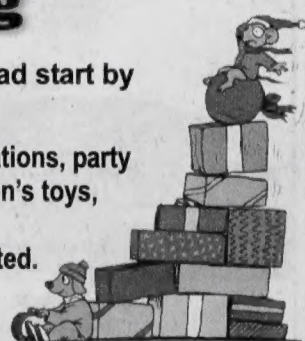
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Debbie, Ira & Joanne



Is There Hope? – You Betcha

by Robert Smith

You've stayed at home raising kids for the past 22 years, but now the youngest has left and you find time you didn't have before. You would like to do something, but the world has changed – computers and all – so you don't have much confidence about it. Is there hope? – Definitely!

You quit school when you were 16 because the family needed money and you've worked ever since, mostly in carpentry, but the knees won't take much more and the winters are getting harder and harder. Is there hope? – Certainly!

You struggled in school, especially with math, partly because your family moved around a lot, so you dropped out. For the past five years, you've worked as a waitress, and a cleaner. It's not very secure and you've had to change jobs several times. Is there hope? – Absolutely!

An Answer in Haliburton County

Sir Sandford Fleming College has had a free Adult Basic Education program in Haliburton County for several years. It helps people develop skills, not just in reading, writing and math, but in basic computers, employment skills, and in developing a plan for whatever is needed. This can be at any level from introductory to being ready for college or apprenticeships, even the ACE (Academic and Career Entrance) certificate put out by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. Says

Katherine Egleston, program coordinator, "The regular school system works for most people, but not everyone. So we do things as differently as possible, not just repeating what didn't work before. Anyone with some willingness can improve, and our job is to find a way to make that possible."

The students, all of whom either didn't finish high school or it was so long ago they need to refresh and maybe learn the new things added in the last few years, all say it isn't like the way they remember, and they appreciate being able to go at their own speed and set their own schedule. In particular, they like the way everyone helps everyone else.

This flexible program, which a person can start at any time, is in the Highlands Community Learning Centre on Victoria Street in Haliburton village, and subsidies for childcare and transportation are available.

What's Even Newer?

A program called New Directions will be offered in Cardiff this winter, three mornings per week. Its focus will be much more about planning for a better future. It too is free, has childcare and transportation subsidies, and includes lunch.

What To Do

Phone 457-4562 and ask to speak to Katherine for information on either of these programs. Or ask to make an appointment to have a free assessment to find out where you stand.

Find out how you can enrich your life.



CHARLES DICKENS, JR VISITS MINDEN AT CHRISTMAS

Dickens Jr. It's Christmas 1878 and Charles Dickens, Jr. is coming to Minden to read one of his father's stories, "A Christmas Dinner." He's accompanied by his lovely wife, Bessie, and his quick-talking Chicago agent, Jimmy Jones. They've taken the train from Chicago to Gelert, and come across country in a horse-drawn cutter.

The 1878 Women's Institute will greet with cider and goodies. High school students will entertain with Victorian music. There will be a chance to bid on exquisitely decorated Christmas trees or wreaths.

Charles, Jr. is brought to you by Minden Hills Museum, 'conjurers of great people from the past'.

Join us on
Saturday, November 26, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre,
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Minden Hills Museum Presents

Christmas Tree & Wreath Auction

We have generous business, organizations and individuals in town.

Those people have decorated 4' trees and wreaths then donated them to this fabulous fundraising event.

The decorated trees and wreaths will be on display at the
Minden Hills Cultural Centre's
Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Tuesday Nov. 22 - Nov 25.

Cast your bids. Silent bid sheets will be with each tree/wreath just waiting for your name and number.

Attend the
**Charles Dickens Jr. Visits Minden at Christmas 1878
Saturday, November 26, 7-9 p.m.**

Winners of the auction will be announced then.

Attendance is not mandatory to win bid.

Cast your vote for your "Choice of the Event". Donator of the piece with the highest number of votes will be awarded a special prize.

The Business Centre – Open for YOUR Business

Susan Norcross is an ambitious and energetic businesswoman with a professional Human Resources background who's recently opened The Business Centre on Haliburton's Highland Street. Susan has been a cottager on Green Lake in West Guilford for over 20 years and built a permanent home some seven years ago.

"I've been supplying professional business advice and services all my career," says Susan, "and I'm convinced that there is a need for a comprehensive business services and solutions company for Haliburton's small businesses."

In fact, "Solutions for Small Business" is the slogan of Susan's company, and she knows firsthand how all the details of running a small business can take up too much time for many young entrepreneurs. "We're here to assist you with a full range of business services," says Susan. "We provide word processing services, on-line document printing, we have a photocopy/fax centre, laminating, cd image and document scanning, you name it, and we also sell printer and fax cartridges at prices that match the big

city stores.

Susan also rents professional office space, perfect for a new business start up, or for opening a Haliburton satellite office. The Business Centre will lease offices with utilities included and provides a friendly, staffed reception area. Already Becky Consack, owner of Hazel's Income Tax Service –with its main office just south of Kinmount – has moved in to provide their services to her Haliburton-based clients. The Business Centre will also offer companies many convenient perks, such as answering and message

services and of course, all the regular office services. The location, overlooking Head Lake on Haliburton's main drag, can't be beat. High-speed Internet services are also available, of course.

And that's not all. The Business Centre can provide professional meeting co-ordinator services, either at their location or yours. "We can provide many businesses and volunteer organizations extensive support. We'll supply

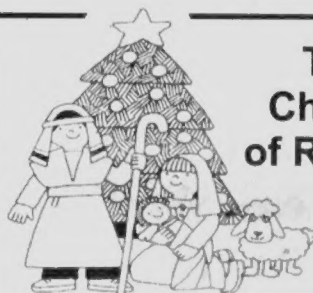
meeting space or attend their location and help to set up your meetings, take, type and distribute meeting minutes," says Susan. "I've been a member of many volunteer organizations, and I know that these kinds of tasks, which are essential, often serve to dissuade many people from joining. And our fees are extremely reasonable," she adds.

The Business Centre will work with small companies in any area where owners feel they may need office assistance. "We're happy to handle receivables, for instance. Many companies just don't have the time to pursue their accounts in the short term, which can really drag you down."

Susan Norcross, and The Business Centre, bring a lot of imagination and expertise to the small business management sector, and will be more than happy to discuss your company's individual needs at any time. And don't forget, there are still a couple of first-rate offices available.

You can reach The Business Centre at 457-1050 or simply drop in. They are located at 163C Highland Street in Haliburton, just behind Country Pickins.

The 6th Annual Christmas Festival of Readings & Carols



St. Georges Anglican Church
617 Mountain St, Haliburton

December 15th at 7:30 p.m.

Again this year, the readings will be from the hilarious and popular classic- "The Best Christmas Ever" by Barbara Robinson.

Between the readings there will be lively carols and joyful music by St. George's Cantata Choir, under the direction of Bill Gliddon.

Tickets will be available for \$10 each and may be bought from Masters' Book Store or The Photo Shop in Haliburton.

Please be advised to purchase your tickets early as last years was a sold-out event. Call 457-2074 for tickets or information. Proceeds from the evening will be donated to "Youth for Christ" initiative.

Susan Norcross at "The Business Centre"



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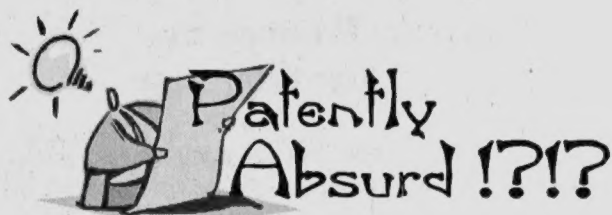


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The management of Ontario's natural resources has always been, in part, an exercise in satisfying the many different agendas, even ideologies, of what's called the resources' "stakeholders". These groups include loggers, hunters, fishermen, field naturalists, snowmobilers, cottagers, small and large wood-lot owners, and of course environmentalists. All these groups have, however, at least one thing in common: they want our forests and rivers and lakes looked after responsibly; and they want resource use to be sustainable, both in the short and long term.

Well, this is no easy task. Just as an example, a perfect, towering sugar maple can be one person's forest friend and artistic inspiration, another's beautiful saw log, and another's productive maple sugar producer. But all three persons probably love the pristine forest, and appreciate a beautiful maple table, and can't wait for each year's maple syrup to run. So how can all these interests work together?

Ten years ago the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) started the Ontario Stewardship program in order to "empower people to take part in the management of natural resources in their own com-

munities." For its part the MNR provides a full-time Stewardship Coordinator for each regional council. Nicole Tuyten, who's been a Management Biologist with the MNR in centres from Chapleau

to Bancroft, is the current Coordinator for the Haliburton Council. "It's a real privilege to be able to work with a group of such highly informed and dedicated volunteers," says Nicole, "and to get to see so many worthwhile projects up and running."

The current Haliburton Stewardship Council boasts an impressive list of volunteers ranging from Keith Hodgson, long time logger, baitfish harvester and founding member of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association, to Jim McHardy, director of the Kinark Outdoor Centre, Cory Little, a Dysart et al planner and GIS mapping expert, and Don Buhl, a professional forester, engineer and land owner, to name



Co-ordinator Nicole Tuyten

just a few.

The Council also has many community partners including Ducks Unlimited, Trent University, Environment Haliburton (EH!), Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, Trails and Tours, and many others. All these interests come together in designing and promoting various initiatives and programs throughout the County.

In the past few years alone the Council has spearheaded many community projects such as the highly successful Drag River Rehabilitation Project, which has restored and cleaned up the portion of the Drag that runs through Haliburton. This project not only returned the river to something resembling its original condition, but it also created a wonderful, peaceful walking area within the Village.

This past year has seen more projects get under way, in partnership again with local groups. This is how the Council works; getting what may seem unlikely partners together to create unique and valuable projects. Recently the Council brought together Haliburton's Health Services Foundation with Ducks Unlimited as part of a Wetland Mapping and Stewardship project to create a plan for a wetland boardwalk trail at the Haliburton Hospital site on Grass Lake.

The Constructed Wetland project at the Haliburton Hatchery is another major effort. A constructed wetland is an alternative wastewater treatment method that, according to the Council, "is easy to operate and maintain, meets the standards set by the Ministry of the Environment, and provides an aesthetically pleasing habitat for wildlife." This project involves the Haliburton Outdoors Association (the wetland is being constructed at their Hatchery) and Sir Sanford Fleming, among many others.

Another major initiative is the annual Stewardship Series the Council organizes and hosts for landowners, cottagers and land stewards of all kinds. These are daylong workshops with such topics as Birds in your Woodlot, and Management Options for your Woodlot, for example. The last workshop in this year's series

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is the very popular Maple Syrup – Operations and Opportunities. This takes place on Monday, February 20th from 9 am until 3 pm at the Dorset Recreational Centre. There is a cost of \$20 per person, and a lunch is included.

The Council also supports many other educational initiatives such as Junior Naturalist Camps, and the Highlands Outdoor Education and Development Program at the High School, which is taught by the Council's Youth Representative and member Derek Little.

The Stewardship Council is obviously a major force in our community's efforts to nurture, appreciate, and sustain our precious natural heritage. For further information of any of the Council's programs, or to become a volunteer, contact Coordinator Nicole Tuyten at 705 286-5206, or check out their website at www.ontariostewardship.org/Haliburton

Looking for photos for the Arts Council Website

Do you have a great photograph of some place or event in Haliburton County that you would like to share with the public on the Arts Council website? Send them your image(s). If it is chosen for the website you will be given a photo credit on the website. Send photos to artscouncil@halhinet.on.ca or Box 210 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0



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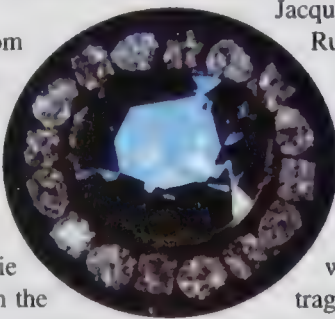
Henry Phillip Hope:

In 1830, a wealthy banker named Henry Phillip Hope had the opportunity to buy a celebrated, cut blue diamond. The 112.5-carat diamond was originally brought from India to France by a merchant named Jean-Baptiste Tavernier.

Rumor had it that the diamond had been stolen from a sacred Indian idol and that it was cursed. King Louis XIV did not believe in the curse. He bought the diamond and made it a part of crown jewels. The king had it recut into the shape of a heart which reduced its weight to 67.5 carats.

The diamond was handed down to Louis XVI, who gave it to his wife, Marie Antoinette. Marie Antoinette lost her head, and the diamond too, in the French Revolution. The diamond was said to have appeared next in Holland. The owner gave it to a Frenchman, and shortly thereafter committed suicide. The Frenchman then brought it to London, where he soon died. Then the diamond came to Henry Hope's attention. He put no stock in the cut and bought the diamond, now cut down to 44.5 carats, for \$90,000.

From then on, the gem was called the Hope Diamond. If there was



a curse, it did not affect Hope. After he died peacefully, the diamond was passed to Lord Francis Hope, who went bankrupt



and saw his marriage collapse. He sold it to a jewel dealer named Jacques Colot, who committed suicide after selling it to a Russian prince. The prince shot his girlfriend the first night she wore the necklace. He was later stabbed to death. The diamond then came into the possession of a Greek jeweler, Simon Manthadides, who fell off a cliff. Its next owner, Turkish sultan Abdul Hamid, was forced into exile within year.

The Hope Diamond ended up in the hands of Edward and Evalyn McClean, whose family was rocked by tragedy. Edward's father went insane, and Evalyn's father died of complications related to alcoholism. The couple's 10-year old son was killed by a car, and their daughter Emily committed suicide. Evalyn McClean kept the diamond until her death in 1947, when it was sold to diamond dealer Harry Winston. In 1958, Winston gave the diamond to the Smithsonian Institution, where it remains today.

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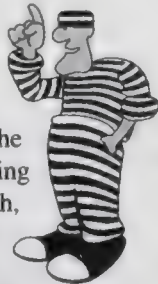
Requests will be taken.

Oil lamps, greenery and candles complete the traditional decor. Refreshments will also be served. There will be a voluntary collection taken.

This is a great family outing that is sure to bring on the Christmas spirit in one and all.

Dumb Criminals

NO SMOKING: A 43-year-old woman has been arrested for bank robbery after she allegedly took the loot she got at one bank to another and attempted to deposit the cash there. But Sharon Ann Luck's bankers called the police when something happened that they considered suspicious: a dye pack exploded in her purse. The pack, which was lipped among the cash during the robbery, malfunctioned, said a Ft. Worth, Texas, police spokesman — it was supposed to go off sooner. (Ft. Worth Star-Telegram) ...It doesn't really matter: she was caught red-handed.



STICKY 'EM UP: When Michael J. Shoemaker, 30, was brought before Cumberland County (Penn.) Judge Edward E. Guido on an attempted robbery charge, Guido noted the weapon Shoemaker used to try to hold up a gas station: a candy cane. The robbery failed when the female clerk, not intimidated by the sweet, refused to open the cash register. Guido had a question for the accused, who pleaded guilty: "Was the candy cane loaded?"

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The annual fundraising Haliburton Highlands Christmas Bed & Breakfast Tour is scheduled for December 3rd & 4th. Mark the dates on your calendar and make a reservation with a few friends to stay overnight or for the weekend and enjoy touring the Haliburton Highlands and a selection of decorated B&Bs.

This is a self-guided tour that includes seven decorated Bed & Breakfast establishments all beautifully decorated for the Holiday Season.

Plan to do some Christmas shopping as some B&Bs will feature local artists displaying and selling their work; some will have musical guests and all will be extending the hospitality that is offered to guests.

When on the tour, drop by to sample some of the unique wines at Moon Shadows Estate Winery, Ontario's First Maple Winery offering a variety of fine wines. They are located 5 km west of Haliburton on Hwy. 118. They have also generously sponsored this great event.

By participating in the tour and purchasing your "tour pass" you are also helping both the Haliburton and Minden Food Banks – all money raised through this event go to these great charities.

Traditionally, the Haliburton Highlands B & Bs have donated the

proceeds from their Christmas Tour to community not-for-profit groups including Rails End Gallery, Food Bank and Community Care.

A tour button is \$10 and is your admission to the B&B's. You can purchase your tour button at any of the participating B & Bs on the day or prior to the tour, or from – Moon Shadows Estate Winery near Haliburton, the Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton or at the Tourist Information Centre in Minden.

The participating B & B's are:

A - Stouffer Mill – Hosts Don & Jessie Pflug – located at Halls Lake (489-3024 – view the unique 12-sided post and beam home all decked out for Christmas – highlighted by the 16' Christmas tree with 2,000 lights. An interesting variety of items will be for sale such as Stouffer Mill antiques and truly unique hand crafted items.

B - Chalet By The Lake B & B – Hosts Dawn-Marie and Paul Hicks. 754-4911 – Come and see their home with its spacious and luxurious Loft Suite with full, private en suite bath and Jacuzzi tub, and two cosy guest rooms each with its own private bathroom

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C – Lady Esther Day Spa and B & B – Hosts Dale and Darlene McConnell – 754-3034 – Lady Esther is a joint venture with Dunloe Farm – a 130 acre working farm near the hamlet of West Guilford. Guest can take advantage of the Day Spa as well as their famous strawberries, maple syrup and sweet corn. Walk the trails and cut your own Christmas tree – compliments of Dale and Darlene.

D – Meadow Wood B & B – Hosts Pam and Joe Smith – 754-1324. – Come see the themed trees – for example, you'll find trees decorated for our feathered friends, a teddy bear tree, a photographer's tree... and more surprises.

E – Moon Shadows Estate Winery – Hosts – Carol and Eric Thompson – 455-9999. This is Ontario's first maple winery located right here in Haliburton County. Stop by and have a taste of this great product and browse the gift store.

F – Country Charm B & B – Host Barb Debler – 457-8821. Snowmen Galore – frosty and his friend will greet you as you tour the 3,500 sq. ft. home. There will be over 3000 indoor mini lites, 5 beautifully decorated Christmas trees, doorways decked with garland and many homemade wreaths on display.

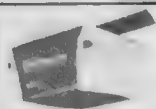
G – Sunny Rock B & B – Hosts Sally Moore & Jan Clarke – 286-4922. Seasonally dressed for Christmas both the Lodge and Pine Studio await all. See the new renovations which are now complete and see all this great B & B has to offer.

H – Minden House B & B – Hosts Gord and Lesley Elliot – 286-4450. Built in 1866 of "stacked timber" construction, Minden House is one of the oldest homes in Minden and is part of the "Heritage Tour". Between 1884 and 1930, it was the home of Newcastle upon Tyne (England) native Michael Brown who was the township's treasurer, postmaster and justice of the peace.



For more information, ask a Haliburton Highlands B&B host or call Pam Smith Tel: 754-1324 - Email: info@meadowwoodbb.com or Jessie at 489-3024.

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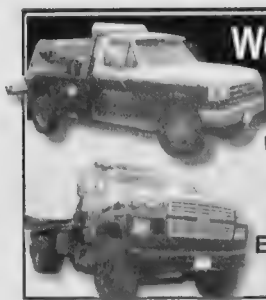
"I Remember When" . . . Do you?

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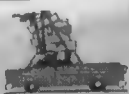
This is all taking place Thursday, December 1 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre in the Common Room beginning at 7 p.m. The memories compiled will be included in the Minden Museum's 2006 memory publication created by Carol Simmons and Lance Aggatt. The evening is being planned by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Pauline Johnson, Writer in Residence.

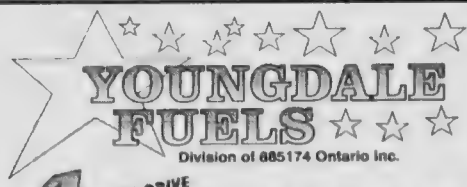
Fall Pig Draw

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) is once again holding a draw for a butchered pig, with four chances of winning. Tickets are \$2, and available from any HHOA director, Bruce's Barber Shop and several locations around town. All proceeds go towards the HHOA Emergency Deer Feeding project. You may also contact the hatchery at 457-9664 for tickets. Four winners will be drawn on December 15, 2005. Each winner will receive 1/2 of a pig, butchered and packaged.



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They Had Names???

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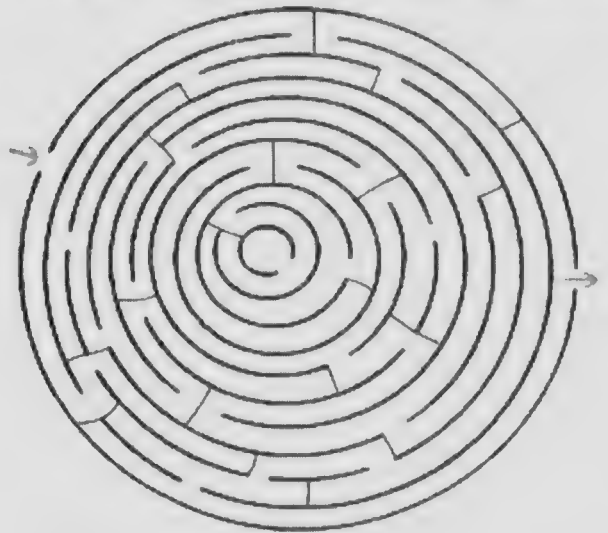
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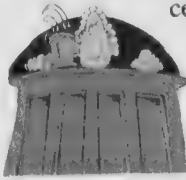
In Illinois, it's against the law for barbers to use their fingers to apply shaving cream to a customer's face.

A California state law passed in 1872 makes it illegal to disturb any birds nesting in cemeteries, except for swallows!

A law in Birmingham, Alabama, made it illegal for anyone to drive a car while blindfolded!

It was once against the law in California to hunt whales from a car!

In Saskatchewan, Canada, marriage commissioners are required to keep the doors open during marriage ceremonies!

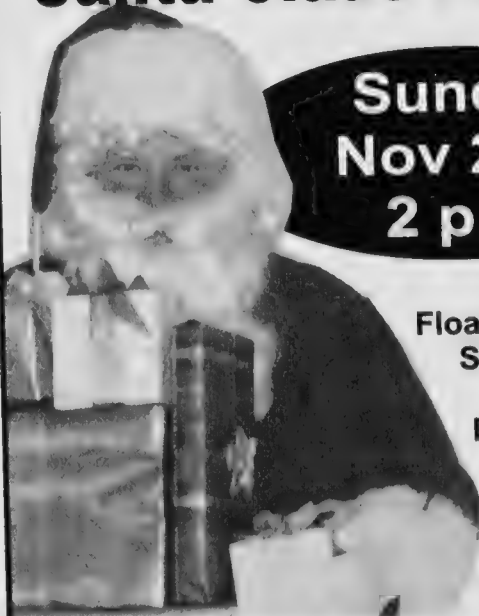


An old law in Saco, Missouri, prohibits women from wearing hats that might frighten timid persons, children, or animals!

A statute in Bibbenden, in Kent, England, states that "birds wishing to sing or crow at sunrise must be two hundred yards away from human habitation."

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"Devolin Works To Bring More Doctors To Riding"

At a recent meeting with the Brock Township Community Health Centre Team, local MP Barry Devolin unveiled an initiative he is undertaking to lure family physicians into Brock Township, Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough County and Haliburton County.

"I'm sending letters to family physicians and specialists in the Greater Toronto Area to let them know the benefits of living and practicing in this area," explained Devolin. "I know that I am fortunate to be able to pursue my career in public life, while still being able to make my home and raise my young family in a peaceful rural setting. And I want physicians in Toronto to know that this opportunity is available to their families too."

"Each of these 2,500 letters will describe the many benefits of living in a rural community," said Devolin. "In our communities people know their neighbours, have a variety of recreational activities in their backyard, and enjoy a peaceful lifestyle that does not include traffic jams or Sunday night drives back to the city."

"I also want to point out other attractions that many in Toronto might not expect in our rural communities. We have art galleries, performing arts facilities, a fine arts college, first class recreation facilities, and excellent fine dining and entertainment options," stated Devolin. "And as a result of the steady migration of people out of the GTA in recent years, our supermarkets, retailers and a wide range of service providers now offer many desirable things previously available only in larger cities. The bottom line is: this is a great place to live, work and raise a family."

"I hope to appeal to doctors who love visiting our area - and might consider moving here. We need more doctors in this area so that we can reduce the number of people currently without a family doctor in their hometown," said Devolin.



STATISTICS



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Lange On The Law



by **Donald J. Lange**
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Editor's Note: We are pleased to announce that this is Donald Lange's 50th column with *The Communicator*. Congratulations Donald – we, and all the readers appreciate each and every column. Your contributions are most helpful and definitely educational. Here's to many more!! Enjoy!!!

Judgments Binding on the World at Large

A judgment in a lawsuit is typically only binding on the parties to the lawsuit. Such a judgment is called a judgment *in personam* or *inter partes*. There is, however, another kind of judgment which is not only binding on the parties to the lawsuit but is also binding on the world at large. The lawsuit commences as a dispute between the parties but its subject matter is the determination of the status of a particular legal entity or physical thing. Such a judgment is called a judgment *in rem*, "a judgment about the thing." An example of a judgment about the status of a legal entity is a court ruling that a union local is the bargaining agent for employees with respect to negotiations with an employer. An example of a judgment about the status of a physical thing is a ruling that a road over private property is a right of way. Declarations of paternity or maternity are also judgments *in rem*. Such rulings are conclusive against all persons. The relitigation of the status of the thing or person is prohibited for all time.

Some courts have held that notice to interested persons, not involved in the lawsuit, is not required. However, other courts have held that, when the judgment will be adjudicating on the status of land, all persons allegedly having an interest in the land must be made aware of the lawsuit. In Ontario, the Court of Appeal has specifically held that a judgment *in rem* will not be allowed to stand when residential property owners are not afforded an opportunity to be heard on the issue of whether their road is a prescriptive right of way, that is, a right of way because of its use for over 20 years. Notice to interested persons is often accomplished by public advertising of the lawsuit.

Determining whether a decision is a judgment *in rem* is sometimes difficult. One test is that, if there is no appeal review of the lower court's decision, it may not be binding on non-parties.

In the next column, I will be talking about what happens when you do not have a power of attorney.



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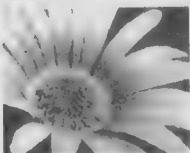
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A Healthy Laugh



Symptoms of the BIRD FLU...

Submitted by Larry Levely

The Center for Disease Control has released a list of symptoms of bird flu. If you experience any of the following, please seek medical treatment immediately:

1. High fever
2. Congestion
3. Nausea
4. Fatigue
5. Aching in the joints
6. An irresistible urge to crap on someone's windshield.

Home Remedies

Achy muscles from a bout of the flu? Mix 1 Tablespoon of horseradish in = cup of olive oil. Let the mixture sit for 30 minutes, then apply it as a massage oil, for instant relief for aching muscles.

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Introducing Haliburton County's New Transfer Service

The availability of transportation within Haliburton County is an issue that just won't go away. And as our population ages the need for specialized forms of transportation is increasing all the time. At the moment our Emergency Services ambulances are often used to "transfer" patients from one institution to another, or from their home to the hospital, often for a simple check-up. Patients in Extendicare in Haliburton, for example, who need some simple hospital tests just two kilometres away, are regularly picked up by an EMS ambulance staffed by two attendants, for the 5 minute trip. Often the ambulance and staff wait until the tests are finished, then transfer the patient back to Extendicare.

The fact that this is an inefficient use of our EMS equipment and personnel hasn't gone unnoticed by many in the Health Services community. In addition, many care facilities are forced to use the services of a private Peterborough patient transfer service when our ambulances are too busy, at a very high cost.

Susan Rodley is a Registered Practical Nurse who works at the Haliburton Hospital, often in the Emergency Department. Susan moved here three years ago from Markham where she'd worked both as a nurse and as a Health Assistant for severely disabled teenagers. With husband Derek Rodley she's bringing up her three children, Virginia (16), Alexandra (10), and Tim (15) who still lives with his father in Markham.

"Last summer I decided to do some serious research into the possibility of setting up a private patient transfer service in Haliburton," says Susan. "I consulted our health professionals first, of course, as well as the Access Systems, Community Care, the OPP and EMS officials. And I received unanimous support and encouragement: it was clear there really was a need for a professional, community based transfer service that could offer safe and efficient transport for patients at a reasonable cost."

Susan then developed her business plan and approached the Haliburton County Development Corporation for some start up funds. The HCDC was quick to approve the venture and this fall Susan's Haliburton Highlands Transfer Service (HHTS) was born.

Susan is quick to point out that "HHTS is a non-emergency transfer service for clients who are unable to use traditional forms of transportation and who DO NOT require the emergency service of an ambulance." Susan provides a comfortable six-passenger vehicle equipped with two wheelchair positions and a rear entry wheelchair ramp. She offers door-to-door personal service, is cell-phone equipped, and family members are welcome at no extra charge.

Susan's HHTS will take patients from their homes to hospital appointments as far away as Peterborough, Lindsay, Orillia, Bancroft,



Meet Susan Rodley

Bracebridge and Huntsville. The service is also available to all Health Care facilities, Long Term Care facilities and Retirement Homes. Susan also points out that War Veterans, those who have extended Health Insurance, and those who are on Ontario's Disabled Support Program may be eligible for financial assistance with transportation costs to any Registered Health Care facility.

As well, many patients who are registered with the VON, the MS society, and many other organizations receive significant transportation subsidies. "I've always been a supporter of the rights of the disabled", says Susan, "and I hope my service makes it easier for clients of all kinds to access the services they need."

Susan's Haliburton Highlands Transfer Services is available seven days a week. For information on prices, services, or destinations please call Susan at 705 754-3530.



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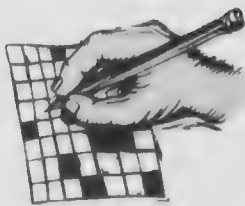
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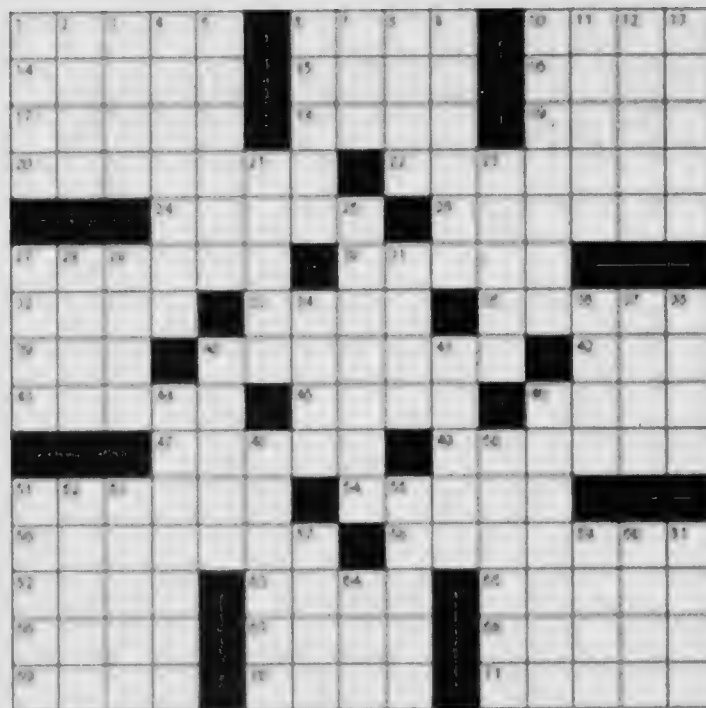
CrossWord Puzzle Time...

Across

- 1 Messages via modem
- 6 "Stand _"
- 10 Stirring tale
- 14 Electric battery inventor
- 15 "___ for All Seasons"
- 16 Composer Khachaturian
- 17 i.e.
- 18 Homer's son
- 19 Singer Perry
- 20 Beneficiary
- 22 India/Pakistan border region
- 24 Italian's word of approval
- 26 Mad
- 27 Six Million Dollar Man, e.g.
- 30 Daphnis's love
- 32 Long in politics
- 33 Singing voice
- 35 Upright
- 39 East ender?
- 40 Contused
- 42 Liquor location
- 43 Cuba's Castro
- 45 Camp beds
- 46 Troglodyte's home
- 47 Connoisseur
- 49 Woody's wife
- 51 Dress
- 54 Perfume
- 56 Moon landscape features
- 58 Have a flair for
- 62 Market amount
- 63 Burger bread
- 65 Its capital is Oranjestad
- 66 Stood up
- 67 "Un bel di", for one
- 68 Eye makeup
- 69 Like peas in ___
- 70 Tragic king
- 71 Is first

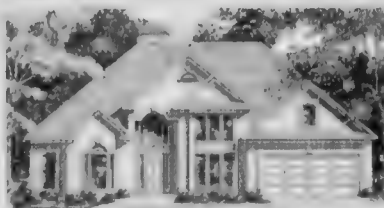
Down

- 1 Wicked
- 2 Style
- 3 An arm and ___
- 4 Birth announcement
- 5 Second of two
- 6 Din
- 7 Singer Sumac
- 8 One of the Gospels
- 9 Necessitate
- 10 Saxony in Germany
- 11 Fragrance
- 12 Street urchin
- 13 Luciano's love
- 21 "Enigma Variations" composer
- 23 Head wrap
- 25 Lawsuits
- 27 Cuisine creator
- 28 Cosmonaut Gagarin
- 29 Curve
- 31 Great multitude
- 34 A head of "Time"
- 36 Famous Abba
- 37 Dark blue
- 38 Three in Hamburg
- 40 Strident noise
- 41 Colchester's county
- 44 Gave off
- 46 Clique
- 48 Expressed in words
- 50 Available when summoned
- 51 Ghana's capital
- 52 Scout unit
- 53 Italian epic poet
- 55 Actor Romero
- 57 Certain
- 59 Roman counterpart of Selene
- 60 Not up
- 61 Mariners
- 64 Actress Peeples



For solution to this issue's crossword, see page 45...

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Reflections from SoulWinds

by Brenda Peddigrew

Acts of God

Two weeks ago I had occasion to make an early morning visit to the emergency department of one of our local hospitals, accompanying a friend who was in terrible and unexpected jaw pain. The doctor on call was unabashedly puzzled as to the nature of it, and when he had made a few observations as to what it could possibly be – mostly in the nature of sending us on to Peterborough that same morning – my friend asked what could cause such pain. “I have no idea,” he said, “act of God.”

His use of this phrase caused me to remember another way it is commonly used: in insurance policies to describe unpredictable disasters from weather. How strange, I thought, that only debilitating pain and destructive natural disasters would be ascribed to God in this way – whoever God may be for the variety of believers and non-believers in our society. Surely not all insurance companies and their policy-holders are believers – yet “act of God” still appears in official, legal documents.

I kept on pondering the phrase as I observed the beauty of this fall season in our quiet and privileged part of the world. The early morning mists were unsurpassed this year, enticing me out by 7 am some mornings to catch the sun burning them through, to witness the silent presences emerging as mists swirled over the still lakes and the whispering river. As the mists diminished, colors brilliant from sun and shining with water drops left behind by them blazed in three-dimensional clarity, so crystal sharp that I’d have to look away. Who could describe, photograph, or even paint the shades of scarlet and gold, the oranges and yellows, the bronzes and deep greens surrounding us with glory? Who could communicate the cleansing winds, the unexpected warmth we had, the joy of those dancing, misty waters?

So I found myself wondering how we ever came to apply the phrase “act of God” in one set of circumstances but not the other. How we as a society can say that God causes pain and destruction, but not beauty and peace. I am still wondering how that could ever have come about. But the discrepancy gave me this gift: of noticing, questioning, and making me more mindful of what language I would use to ascribe a cause to what I cannot explain to my own or another’s satisfaction. And to definitely call the beauty of this season “an act of God.”

Try this: go outside and look around, paying attention to whatever it is you see. How would you describe it to someone else? Think of the words you would use, the picture you would paint. Take no more than five minutes for this.
What would you call “acts of God?”

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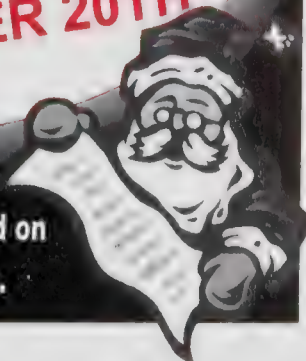
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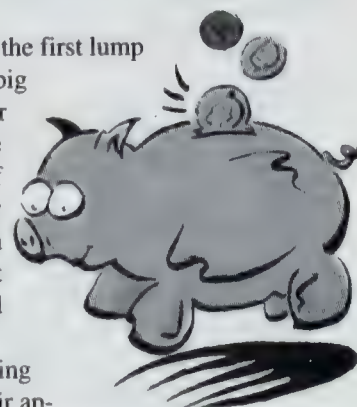
The piggy bank made its debut in Western Europe between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries, and replaced the clay jars that once housed spare change.

People named the pig-shaped bank after the orange clay, "pygg," from which it was crafted.

The bank retained its name long after artisans stopped using the clay to produce pottery, and eventually the name "pygg" assumed the name "pig bank," and then the name "piggy bank."

"People named the pig-shaped bank after the orange clay "pygg" ...

The individual who formed the first lump of "pygg" into the shape of a pig either had a sense of humor, or saw symbolism in using the pig as a model. One school of thought insists that the piggy bank is fed the "leftovers" of a ones money until it is fat enough to be smashed, and the money harvested.



Years ago, in German speaking countries, craftsmen gave their apprentices piggy banks to reward them for years of learning their respective trades.

To this day, in the same countries, it is customary to give piggy banks as gifts. Because the belief that a pig brings luck still holds true, at New Years, the so-called "Lucky Pigs" are still exchanged as gifts. The "Lucky Pig," however, cannot be found throughout the world.

One will not find piggy banks in non-pork eating cultures, because pigs are considered filthy, and it is against the peoples' religion.

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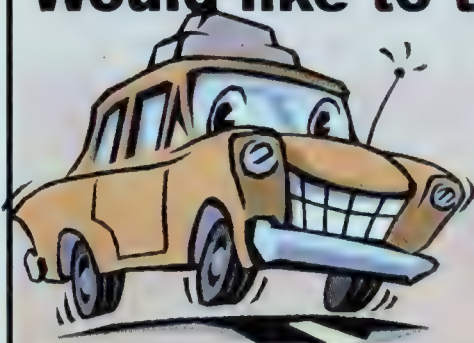
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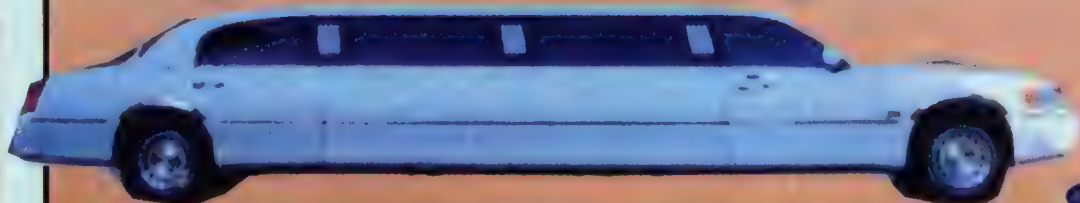
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WITHDRAWING

If I had to pick one word to describe how I'm feeling these days it would have to be *withdrawing*. The sun withdraws, the animals withdraw, and so too do I. The bulky sweaters, cuddling up, and slower pace all make me feel as if I've joined the other hibernators for the season.

The heaviness settling into my bones almost feels comforting, as if it's bringing my centre of gravity right down to the earth itself. With nowhere left to fall, I cozy up on my favourite rock and look out at the shadow side of life: no frolicking children, no chattering chipmunks and no soaring vultures to catch my attention. All that's left is the sound of my own soul – breathing. And at this stage in life, the silence is divine. I feel a peace in it that is *so* settling. It wasn't always that way though.

Sally Kempton, in the November 2005 edition of the Yoga Journal wrote: "Loneliness, like fear, is a threshold emotion – you have to pass through it if you want to enter the inner world." I smiled when I read those words for I knew exactly what she meant. When we

moved to the lake ten years ago, my husband often travelled for work while I spent time alone. Unlike living in the city, where there were cafes, neighbours or family to distract me, I was face to face with my loneliness. Being isolated as I was, I created a routine to keep my sanity. But the more I began to walk the land and listen to my intuition, the more I could let go of my pacifiers, my safety nets. After a while, I began to communicate with my inner self and found I could trust its directions: *follow the path to the left, take your address book, wear your hat*. Once I could hear the voice and then more importantly trust it, I never had to feel lonely again.

It seems that darkness, like loneliness, is also a threshold emotion. You have to pass through it to enter the inner world: a place of peace, love, creativity and wisdom. In the past, I've withdrawn mostly to the dark-

ness. There, the negative emotions, such as fear, self-pity, and yearning, gripped me too tight and made for very long, despairing winters. Choked of inspiration, my energy level plummeted and I became only a shadow of myself. Like the other hibernators, winter was a time for me merely to survive.

But now I don't mind the darkness. Nothing is all bad or all good, and as I become more aware, I know I always have a choice – I can either let the darkness take me down or lift me up. To let it elevate me, I calm myself – *breathe easy and smile* – and wait patiently for its gift. Every time I've done this, I've been rewarded with a golden seed of inspiration. It may take an hour, a day or even a week or more, but I don't panic, because I've learned to trust my feelings and wait for the buried treasure to be revealed.

The effort is worth it, for the unearthed seed is a ticket to a greater state of being: a state of wonder and awe; a state of clear vision and great wisdom; and a state of love and healing. And in this place of heavenly splendour, my seed blossoms into a masterpiece: one I couldn't even begin to imagine on my own.

Withdraw to the light. Haven't artists gone crazy or dependant on drugs to get there? Perhaps it's because they tried to take a shortcut, tried to slip through a rabbit hole bypassing the darkness. But there is a reason for the process, and it must be honoured and trusted to truly serve its purpose.

So this year, instead of dreading the darkness, I'm withdrawing to it willingly. There, I will look for the seed to my next story and when I find it, I will withdraw once again and use the gift I've been so generously given to help others connect with their own inner light.

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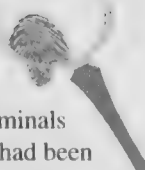
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One and all are invited to the second annual "A Writers' Christmas" hosted by The Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle. It will be a social evening of dinner and readings to celebrate the season in the many ways that writers see Christmas. People will read their own short works, revealing a surprising variety of experiences about the holiday season. Christmas extends its reach to people everywhere. Come out to read or just enjoy good cheer and the stories of others. Special guests will be from The Muskoka North Writers' Circle.

The festivities will be held at the Pepper Mill Restaurant in Carnarvon on Tuesday, December 6. Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m. and a buffet supper will be served at 7 p.m.

Call Kay Millard at 286-6635 for tickets or for more information. The cost is \$20 (including tax and gratuities) for a buffet supper. Advanced ticket sales only. The restaurant will not be open to the public that evening. If you wish to read or perform a story or poem, please call Pauline Johnson at 489-3878 to have your name added to the program. There may also be time for spontaneous readings at the end of the program.

Who Dun-it?



Detective Minden was watching some young criminals hanging around the local convenience store. There had been complaints by the storeowner of theft and complaints by customers of harassment outside the business. Just then the voice came over the radio summoning the detective to a nearby residence that had been robbed of a particularly valuable piece of art.

Case of the Inside Job

Minden walked to the front door of the residence where the servant Cleve was waiting for him. "Morning detective," said Cleve. "This is not good. The original Picasso painting that the Whitherspoon family had hanging in their dining room was stolen today. It is worth a fortune."

"When did this apparently happen Cleve?" asked the

detective.

"Sometime this morning. I was working in the garage and didn't hear a thing. I went in to get a cup of tea, and noticed the art was missing. Then I looked over at the sliding door and saw the broken glass. I called the station right away."

Minden carefully opened the sliding glass door and walked out onto the patio, stepping cautiously around the long pieces of broken glass.

"Was anyone else here today Cleve?"

"No one except me. I had all the doors locked so no one could have gotten in. Plus they obviously came in through the glass door. It's pretty far from the garage though and I had some music going so that's probably why I didn't hear it."

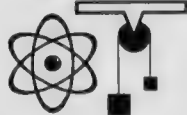
"Of course. Of course. Of course you heard the glass break and you were in on the whole theft of the painting. Only questions now are, was anyone else involved and what time did this happen?" replied the detective.

Why does Minden suspect Cleve?

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Why? Because ... Scientifically Speaking



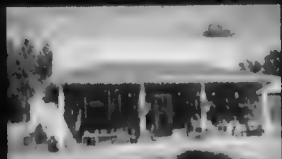
Who invented the match?

By 570 A.D., the Chinese were using sticks soaked in sulphur to transfer fire. In 1680,

Robert Boyle, a British scientist, rubbed a stick soaked in sulphur against a paper coated with phosphorus to produce a flame. British chemist John Walker sold the first matches that lit by striking in 1827. His matches were coated with potassium chloride and antimony sulphide. They were struck by sliding them though folded sandpaper.

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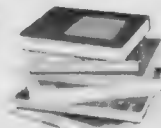


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Moose FM Haliburton Getting Ready To Hit The Airwaves By The New Year!

Christopher Grossman and Kimberley Ward are the co-owners of the Haliburton Broadcasting Group (HBG), which operates the Moose FM Cottage Country Radio Network, and they couldn't be happier about the upcoming opening of their new station right here in Haliburton. "It's particularly special for me, I think," says Kimberley, "I grew up, lived and worked here for many years and in some ways Haliburton will always be home."

Kimberley met her husband Christopher when they worked together in sales at Q107 in Toronto in the 1980s. Chris had been in radio since his teenage years in Ottawa, and Kim had a background in sales and promotion with Labatts. And, of course, she grew up at the Wigamog Inn, which was owned for many years by her parents, Art and Joan Ward. In 1993 Chris and Kim bought the Wigamog and managed it until 1999. The couple also bought and managed the Haliburton Highlands Golf Course until it too was sold a few years ago to Dale and Eldon Bull.

In December of 1996 the couple founded HBG and shortly after their first station, Moose 99.5 in Bracebridge, went on the air. Kim recalls that "it was an incredibly busy time: Chris would be away during the week setting up the radio business, then come home to

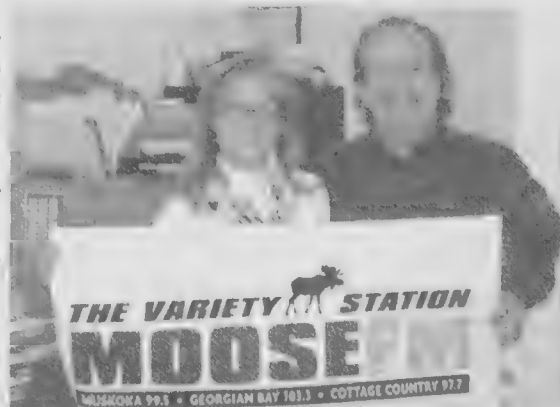
the Wig and help wait on tables during the weekends."

From the beginning the Grossmans had a very specific vision of the company's mandate and future. Standard Broadcasting of Toronto, Canada's largest privately owned multi-media group, and the owners of radio station CFRB in Toronto among dozens of others, recognized that vision and at the beginning bought a 27% minority interest in HBG, which helped propel the company through its early years.

The Grossman's realized that their target audience in what's loosely called "Cottage Country" was made up in large part by affluent and mobile adults between the ages of 24 and 60 - i.e. one of

the most desirable demographic groups for most advertisers. In addition, the group was made up of people from all over the Golden Horseshoe, in addition to the increasingly important permanent cottage country population. HBG realized it could offer advertisers access to what was in large part a Toronto market at rates radically lower than those charged by Toronto radio stations. Besides which, that audience was sure to be even more accessible due to the necessity of regular long drives to the cottage not only through the summer, but increasingly throughout the year. As the company's sales pitch puts it, "it's like buying the best portion of the Toronto market, through the back door."

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As a result, major national advertisers have become regulars on the Moose network of stations, virtually guaranteeing successful expansion.

By last year HBG owned nine stations stretching from Bancroft to Bracebridge to Parry Sound and all the way up to Sudbury, Elliot Lake and Timmins. It also owns a 4-station French network in Ontario's north. And this year HBG successfully applied for a license to start up a new station based in beautiful downtown Haliburton Village. The application wasn't without controversy: Canoe FM, Haliburton's volunteer radio station, formally objected

on the grounds that there wasn't enough advertising dollars to go around. But Moose FM stations operate in many markets with successful community stations, and the regulator, the CRTC, didn't buy Canoe's argument.

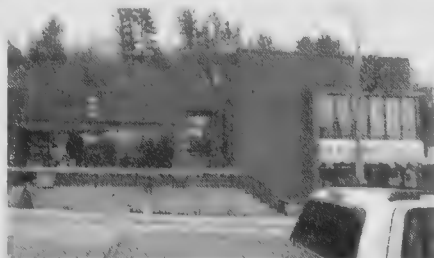
And so sometime



Haliburton Office

around New Year's, Moose FM, Haliburton edition, will be beaming happily through the winter air.

"This is truly very exciting for us," says Kim, "to be able to build a station from the ground up, particularly in this great location." The offices and studios are located just above Mingles Restaurant on Highland Street overlooking Head Lake. Initially the station will broadcast a local morning show from 6 am until



10 am, with remotes and custom broadcasts being phased in on the weekends. The rest of the day's programming will have a classic rock and roll focus, and more original programming will be added as the station gains its foothold in the Haliburton market.

The Grossmans are determined that each of their stations reflects its individual location as much as possible. And Kim points out how valuable their network can be in cross promoting significant local events. "This summer for instance we were able to use our Timmins station to promote the Havelock County Jamboree, which is Canada's largest outdoor country music festival. And our Bancroft station promoted the Kapuskasing Lumberjack Festival as well. So there can be great local benefits in being a part of a large network."

The success of the Moose network is a potent symbol of the ongoing transformation of what was once sleepy cottage country into what collectively is a powerful economic force.

While Haliburton's Moose FM station will be on the air soon, they're still looking for new staff, including sales persons, on air talent, production/creative/announcer types, and office administrators. You can reach the Haliburton office at 705 457-3897, or by email at careers@hbgradio.com

Everything Fitz - Fiery Fiddle Playing And Sensational Step Dancing

You won't want to miss "Everything Fitz" - A great family concert by a multi-talented family taking place December 10. Fiery fiddle playing, sensational stepdancing and fantastic entertainment is what awaits all who attend the upcoming performance at the Northern Lights Pavilion, Haliburton High School, 8:00pm. Admission is \$20. You can purchase your reserved seat through tickets at Master's Book Store in Haliburton.

Don't Miss "Opening Night"

Just a reminder that you still have a chance to see The Highlands Little Theatres presentation of "Opening Night", a laugh out loud roll in the aisles comedy by Norm Foster. The shows will be playing until November 26th at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Theatre in the High School in Haliburton.

The show is directed by Jack Brezina and Curtis Eastmure and features Brendan Berube, Benton Brown, Perter Forgrave, Dianne Hagerman, Mike Jaycock, Kris Kadwell, Rosanne Nichol, and Juliane Vanlieshout. The show is guaranteed to entertain all who attend. Tickets are available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and The Storeroom in Minden.

Highland Wind Symphony Presents Christmas Concert

What would the Christmas season be without great music and song? Well if great music is what you desire, then be sure not to miss the Highlands Wind Symphony's Christmas concert at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on December 11th at 3 p.m. Enjoy great live music with special guest, vocalist John Miller. Admission is only \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$20 for a family pass. Tickets are available now at Masters' bookstore in Haliburton, or Pharmasave Drugstore in Minden.



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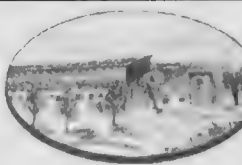
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Come Experience RHYTHMANIA

Community Drumming & Rhythm Circle with Barry 'BAZZA' Hayward will be taking place at the York Street Internet Café in Haliburton every Tuesday starting November 22 - 7:30—9:00 pm.

No Hand Drumming Experience Necessary! But there is a limited number of instruments available. Bring any hand-drums or percussion instruments you have.

Experience RHYTHMANIA—Create community, shed inhibitions, release your passion, and celebrate life through rhythm. This is an all ages, accessible, family-friendly event. Admission by \$5 donation (Pay What You Can policy in place)

For information contact Bazza at 457-1174 or hayward6@sympatico.ca

Heritage Ballet presents "The Nutcracker" Tickets on Sale NOW!!

Tickets for the upcoming performance of "The Nutcracker" presented by Heritage Ballet go on sale starting Friday November 11th - so be sure to assure your seat for the upcoming performance.

The show itself is taking place at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Saturday, Dec. 17th at 7pm and Sunday, Dec. 18th at 1pm.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 & under; reserved seating. Tickets are available at Kitchens' Etc. in Haliburton and The Mill Pond Restaurant in Carnarvon.

For more information please call Heritage Ballet at 457-1990.

Razzamataz Kids Shows Raises The Curtain On Their Twentieth Season

The Razzamataz season opens with perennial favourites Really Little Theatre presenting "The Holiday Dream" on Sunday December 4th at 2 p.m. at the Northern Lights Theatre in Haliburton.

Meet young Moe, who is annoyed that not everyone gets the same holidays. Wouldn't it be great if we could have a holiday every day, and never have to go to school at all? But then Moe's dreams seem to be coming true...

Really Little Theatre incorporates story telling, puppets and dance into this lively musical theatre production. For more information about the performers, visit www.prologue.org.

The Razzamataz season continues after the holidays: Join Hands Puppeteers returns with "Captain Matt's Treasure Hunt" Sunday January 29th at the Northern Lights Theatre. Captain Matt needs the audience's help to track down the elusive pirate Stink Beard. The theme of the show is books and reading.

For the first time in Haliburton, Barry O'Neill brings "The Barry O' Kidshow" Sunday March 5th at the Theatre. It will be a fun, interactive show full of sing-a-longs, magic, puppets and ventriloquism.

You will be dazzled by the acrobatic stunts and intrigued by the science when "Fizzical Fizzicks" comes to YMCA Wanakita. Greg Tarlin and Kristi Heath are veteran performers who originally created this show for the Ontario Science Centre to help explain the types of motion through juggling, spinning plates, unicycling and more!

All performances are Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. Watch for the huge, lovable mascot Razzie the Razzamataz Orangutan in the lobby before every show. You might also see him in the Santa Claus parade!

You won't want to miss any of these great shows. Bring your



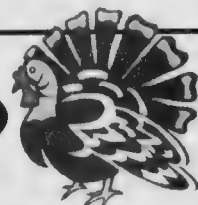
children, your grandchildren, your friend's children or just come ... A season pass is \$20 and offers substantial savings over the individual ticket prices of \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Consider a season pass as an early Christmas present that lasts for months of entertainment.

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For more information about our season, check out our website at www.razzamataz.ca Tickets and season passes can be purchased at the door or by calling Amy Klose at 457-4266 or Stacey Bennett at 286-4511.

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Please call now to make reservations at the Lakeside Baptist Church - 457-2851 or Judy McKay at 286-3137. They need you to call soon so they can prepare a place for you.

8th Annual Christmas Craft Sale - December 3-4

Head to Minden and be ready to get into the Christmas Spirit at the 8th Annual Christmas Craft Sale taking place at the Minden Arena Sat Dec.3 and Sun. Dec 4 Sat. 9am to 5pm Sun. 10am to 4pm

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EYEWITNESS:

After a Chinese astronaut orbited Earth, the Chinese government soon after announced that it will update sixth grade textbooks to remove the claim that the Great Wall can be seen from space. "The scenery was very beautiful," astronaut Yang Liwei said after 21 hours in orbit, "but I didn't see the Great Wall."

When he heard the story, U.S. astronaut Gene Cernan said he had seen the Great Wall from orbit.

BACK SEAT DRIVER:

Michael Johnston, 47, of Peachtree City, Ga., allegedly had too much to drink and thought it might be best if he didn't drive. So he had his friend Samuel McClain, 35, drive his golf cart for him; golf carts are common around Peachtree City. Johnston, police say, gave McClain directions while McClain drove. McClain's guide dog was along for the ride too — McClain is blind. The swerving duo managed to make it for about two miles before crashing into a parked car. Both men were charged with reckless conduct. ...Next time let the dog drive.

Food Bank Available For Families In Need This Season

If your family is in need this Christmas season, there will be assistance for you from the 4C'S Food Bank. This is the distribution policy for this year.

All requests for food boxes must be made by the recipients between Monday November 28th and Saturday December 10th. To place a request, phone 457-3331 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.. You can then arrange to pick up your food box at any of the following 4 locations on Friday December 23rd from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The 4C'S Food Bank in Haliburton. This is meant for residents located in Haliburton, West Guilford & surrounding areas.

The Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. This is for those located in Tory Hill, Harcourt, and Wilberforce areas.

Cardiff, for those in that area, and at the Minden Arena. In Minden call 489-2062 There will be no deliveries made by the 4C'S.

Don't forget that you can help donate to the food banks through our local grocery stores. Watch for 4C'S foodbank displays. There is always a hamper located near the checkouts for non-perishables as well.

6th Annual Christmas Festival of Readings & Carols

If you really want to get into the spirit of the holiday season be sure to get your tickets fast for the upcoming 6th annual Christmas Festival of Readings & Carols at the St. Georges Anglican Church in Haliburton on Thursday December 15th. Last years event was a sell out.

The evening will feature readings from the hilarious and popular classic – "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever", by Barbara Robinson. Between the readings there will be lively carols and joyful music by the St. George's Choir, under the direction of Bill Gliddon.

Tickets are available at Masters' bookstore or The Photo Shop (formerly Perfect Prints) in Haliburton for \$10 per ticket. Proceeds from the evening will be donated to "Youth for Christ" initiative. Should you have any questions please call 457-2074.



Church Events

Christmas Luncheon & Bake Table

November 23

St. George's Anglican Church

on Mountain Street in Haliburton is holding their annual Christmas Luncheon & Bake table at the church from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Come & shop at the bake table & then, for only \$5/person, enjoy a bowl of delicious home-made soup with sandwiches & dessert.

Christmas Craft and Bake sale

Saturday, November 26

Gooderham United Church

Get a jump on Christmas shopping and check out the fantastic goodies available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Soup and sandwich lunch also available.

Christmas Luncheon

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School Daze!!

By Christine Carr

Midterms are now over, and students are over halfway through first semester! The assignments are really beginning to get piled on now, with the major summative assignments due very soon. Students are still finding time to participate in many different activities, however. Many of the sports are over for the season. Wrestling is just getting warmed up, however, and the Nordic ski team is just beginning to practice.

Second City Improv:

Recently the Second City Improv group came to do a workshop at the high school, with many of the school's best drama students. All, with many students learning valuable tricks, hailed the workshop as a success.

The Annual Tributes Showcase

The annual Tributes showcase is coming quickly, with the usual array of drama, music, dance, and other theatrical performances. Everyone is looking forward to it, as every year it is a great success.

Semi Formal

Yet another thing fast approaching is this years semi-formal! Students who love dressing up and partying are getting excited, with it being planned as we speak.

Planning for University & College

It is not all fun and games, however. This past Tuesday was the meeting for the students planning on attending University, so that they could receive their pin numbers and information needed to apply to the different Universities, and the same thing was held on Wednesday for the students planning on attending College. The times are rapidly approaching when students will be applying and truly beginning to plan for their post-secondary paths!

Fundraiser for Pakistan

The SAC is selling bracelets to raise money for Pakistan, to aid the Red Cross with their efforts in helping those hurt, displaced, etc with the recent earthquake. So far there is over \$1000 raised, but we're hoping to raise lots more! Students - they are still available if you would like to talk to someone on the SAC. They have also been sold at JDHES, and we hope to sell them elsewhere as well. Another two weeks is gone, and we are that much closer to the end of the semester, and don't forget-there is less than thirty days until Christmas, so better get planning!

See You At The Parade!!

Oh... and don't forget to watch for the High school float in the Santa Clause parade this Sunday!



Meet The Artist

by Trudy Pogue

"It is like being a child again and, through those childlike eyes, seeing a dewdrop on a blade of grass for the first time. The experience is full of wonder and awe and astonishment."

Dev Khalsa, a seven-year resident of the Highlands, has a passion for photography. He especially enjoys taking pictures with nature themes.

After spending several summers as a biologist in the Canadian Arctic taking photographs on borrowed cameras, Khalsa bought his first camera in 1973 - a 35mm Nikon. He then joined the Carleton University Camera Club, which gave him access to darkroom facilities. Then, in 1978, Khalsa did something he would later regret. Realizing that photography was just a passion and not a source of income, he sold all his camera equipment and concentrated on working for a living.



Dev Khalsa, Photographer

"I basically buried that passion," Khalsa recalls. "It took me a long time to pick up photography again."

But he did. And his work was recognized locally last year with a 3rd prize in the Black and White category in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery Photo Contest (Minden) and two 1st prizes in the Art Gallery in Bancroft Photo Competition.

Khalsa uses both digital and film cameras, but prefers film.

"Good film cameras have so many more features available," he says. Last summer, he took a beautiful close-up of a hummingbird in flight at 1/20,000 second.

Khalsa also enjoys tweaking his photos on the computer. He scans his negatives with a Nikon film scanner at 4,000 dots per inch (dpi). (Compare this to your computer screen which displays only 72 dpi and printers which output 150 to 600 dpi). The result is a whopping 30-40 megabyte file with much more detail than even a professional digital camera can produce. Khalsa occasionally

uses a medium format camera with a 6x9 negative, which produces a file of approximately 150 megabytes.

"You can make a poster with detail like that!" he says.

With a hobby like this, Khalsa will keep the hard drive manufacturers in business!

The way Khalsa sees it, when you send your film off for standard processing, the colours in the print are never what you experienced when you looked through the viewfinder.

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"On the computer, I can do anything I used to do in the darkroom and a whole lot more," he says.

Using Adobe Photoshop Elements, he likes to adjust the contrast, brightness and colour saturation, and remove flaws. Khalsa also has a knack for creating photos that are part colour and part black and white.

"The computer is a wonderful creative tool," he says.

Khalsa has a couple of favourite shots. One is a black and white photo he took in 1976 of a small child's foot on a Florida beach.

"The black and white brings out the graininess and grittiness of the sand," he says. "I find it very satisfying to look at."

Another favourite was the result of chasing a sphinx moth around the garden and snapping a couple rolls of film.

"Because I used a fairly fast shutter speed to stop this little critter,

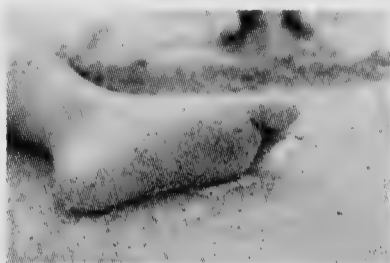


Photo - 'At The Beach'

the laws of physics dictate that my depth of field would be quite shallow, meaning only a narrow band would be in focus. This has created a beautiful soft focus background and adds to the impression of movement."

I approached Dev in March about providing photos for a Haliburton Highlands calendar.

He thought it was a great idea and we got to work quickly, choosing appropriate photos for each month. The 2006 calendars are now on sale at many stores, gift shops and galleries around the county. They can also be purchased online at fyihaliburton.com/calendar, where you can also view sample pages. A portion of the sale of all calendars purchased online will be donated to the Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre.



Photo - 'The Sphinx Moth'

Dev's unique combination of artistic and technical abilities has resulted in some fascinating photographs. You can see some of them on his website, www.devkhalsa.com. For those of us looking for tips, here's Dev's secret to an excellent photograph: Patience, patience and a little more patience. Throw in some practice and stir.

The Haliburton Highlands Calendar is available at the following locations: Ethel Curry Gallery, Haliburton;; Master's Book Store, Haliburton; Stedman's V&S, Haliburton; Teddy Time, Not Quite Main Street, Haliburton; Undercover Books, Haliburton; Cottage Country Log Cabin, West Guilford; Agnew's General Store, Wilberforce; Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden; Country Magic, Minden; Minden Book & Stationery; Pritchard House, Minden; Whispers North Gallery and Gifts, Minden; Century 21 Office, Kennisis Lake Rd; Re/Max Office, Kennisis Lake Rd; Haliburton Outdoor Equipment, Kennisis Lake; Sir Sam's Inn, Eagle Lake;; Harcourt Park General Store & Marina; and online at fyihaliburton.com/calendar

10th Annual Christmas Challenge Now Under Way

Christmas is a time for giving and you can help the Haliburton Home Builders give the gift of a better Christmas by helping them with their 10th annual Christmas Challenge. Here's how you can help.

First off, collect unwrapped toys or food items at your office or Christmas party. Then Call the Haliburton Home Builders office at 457-2629 and one of the members of the association will arrange to pick up your gifts. Large or small, each gift donated will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed b the 4 C'S for families in need this holiday season.

This is the 10th anniversary of the Christmas Challenge, which has been a tremendous success with your help, and this year again, your help is needed and appreciated. Each participant in the Challenge receives a ballot in a draw. In the winners name, the Haliburton County Home Builders Association will make a donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. The winner last year was Scott Welch Windows and Doors. Please take this opportunity to help our community and make someone's Christmas a little brighter! If you have any questions please call 457-2629.

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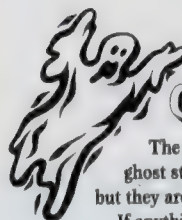
Six of Haliburton County's Community Care volunteers have received the 2005 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. Awards for years of service were presented at the Trentwinds International Centre in

Peterborough on October 25.

The volunteers in the picture are from left to right: Arnold Brown, Eve Adkins & Shirley Brown from Algonquin Highlands, Adele Barnes from Highlands East, Helen Henderson from Minden Hills and absent is Royce Bain from Dysart et al.

Arnold & Shirley Brown have put in 10 years of volunteer service; Eve Adkins has put in 15 years of volunteer service; Adele Barnes has put in 20 years of volunteer service; Helen has put in 20 years of volunteer service and Royce Bain has put in 10 years of volunteer service.

Congratulations and a huge thank you to these wonderful volunteers.



GHOST STORIES

The following is a fun little column for those who like ghost stories... Whether these are true or not we don't know, but they are stories told by those who believe they saw real ghosts!! If anything, they do make for interesting little stories... enjoy...

Oakville - Glen Abbey

There have been sightings of a ghostly monk at the Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville.

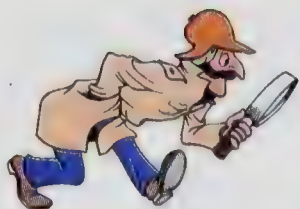
Apparently the land and manor were both originally used as an abbey for monks of The Society of Jesus and reportedly have since been home to one of the brothers who apparently enjoys the place too much despite the golfers.

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Greetings Haliburton and welcome to another edition of The Internet Geek.

It seems like the holidays are sneaking up on us once again. Every year, more and more folks are doing more of their shopping on line. We hear a lot of horror stories from the media at times about how unsafe it can be to shop on the web but the reality is it's no worse than going to mall down in the city and like anything else in life, the more research and information you arm with yourself with beforehand, the better prepared you'll be to deal with trouble if it arises or avoid it altogether.

Here are some web sites to help calm those on line shopping jitters. The US Federal Trade Commission has got a great page for the holiday season at www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/holiday/. Another one from the States is the National Consumers League with a good resource at www.nclnet.org/shoppingonline/. All banks and credit card companies also offer resources to their clients to help stay safe like this one from VISA Canada at

www.visa.ca/en/personal/shop_onlineshopping_tips.cfm.

Finally, while shopping on line is convenient, fun and a little addictive at times, don't forget to save part of your holiday shopping budget for our local merchants. The more money we can keep in the county, the richer we'll all be.



The Internet Geek

with Kevin Humphrey

Staying on with the holiday theme, there'll be a lot of get-together's with family and friends coming up. With more of us here in the county getting access to high-speed Internet, there's an opportunity for more folks to share their holiday videos with loved ones farther away. Now, while a video isn't something that's easy to email, there are services available on line to help you distribute video to others. These services work by providing you

with a space to upload material to (videos, large files, etc) and then family and friends can download them from there.

Here are three of the better service providers for sharing videos on line. Grouper (www.grouper.com) - Xdrive (www.xdrive.com) - Streamload (www.streamload.com) Of these three, Grouper is a free service and the other two charge fees.

I got quite a bit of email over the past few weeks and a number of folks were asking about cookies. Unfortunately, we're not talking about the kind of cookies that you leave out for Santa. No, we're talking about web cookies.

Web cookies are just simple text files that some web sites use for various reasons. These reasons range from the ability to personalize information and features when you return to that site, to help with on-line sales and services, or simply for the purpose of collecting data to target ads or help improve the site in the future.

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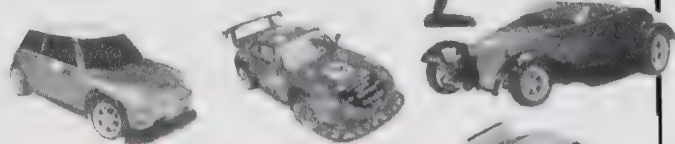
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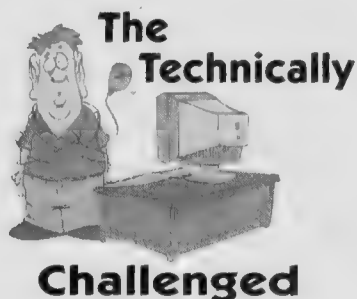
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Chamber Welcomes New Directors

Board directors were voted in at the recent Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. New directors this year are: Andy Campbell from Haliburton County Development Corp; Steve Todd of Todd's Independent; and Peter Smith of Highlands Computer Services. Remaining from last year are: Eric Christensen from Buttermilk Falls Resort; Steve Hemming of the YMCA Wannakita; Nick Lawrence of Connaught & Lawrence's Coffee; John McDonald of Lakeview Motel; and Todd Boyd of Little Hawk Resort. The new executive will be voted at the December Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting.

Andy Campbell of the Haliburton County Development Corp was the lucky winner of the Limousine ride to the annual dinner that was held at the Delta Pinestone Resort recently.

A confused caller to IBM was having trouble printing documents. He told the technician that the computer had said it "couldn't find printer." The user had also tried turning the computer screen to face the printer-but that his computer still couldn't "see" the printer.



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computer system. They are not a program, they are not a plug-in, they cannot be used as a virus and while some of them are stored on your hard drive, they cannot access your hard drive on their own.

Why are some people so afraid of cookies then? One reason is a lot of misinformation that has been built up over them (urban myths), but also because some folks consider cookies to be an invasion of privacy. While the potential exists for companies to compile data on your on line activities with cookies, it is really no different than the data that is compiled on your activities through "frequent buyer" or "loyalty program" cards. While abuse through the information gathered with cookies is possible, it is also possible with many other technologies in our information age society.

Should you reject cookies on your computer? That's a personal choice, but be aware that some web sites will no longer work for you if you are blocking them.

For a lot more information on cookies and directions on how to erase and/or block cookies on your system, check out the Cookie FAQ at CookieCentral.com (www.cookiecentral.com/faq/) or this article at HowStuffWorks.com (<http://computer.howstuffworks.com/cookie.htm>).

As I said, I've been getting a lot of email and feedback from you folks over the last few weeks. Thanks for all the comments. I'm glad to hear that these columns are helpful but there is one reminder that I'd like to throw out. This column is about the Internet and helping you make better use of it. I'm a writer and web developer, not a computer technician. I'd love to be able to help out the many folks who have been asking me for help with their computer problems, but unfortunately that's not something that I'm very good at. There are several great computer service professionals here in the Highlands though, so don't be afraid to give one of them a call to help get yourselves fixed up.

As always, I welcome and enjoy receiving your Internet questions or favorite web site suggestions. You can email me at haliburtongeek@gmail.com.

That's it for this month, so surf safe and if you weren't expecting that email attachment - Don't click on it!

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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

MADMAN ON A MISSION

NO MURDER IN THE CHECKERED HISTORY OF CRIME HAS HELD PUBLIC INTEREST MORE THAN JACK THE RIPPER, AS MAX HAINES DETAILS IN CRIME FLASHBACK

THE PUBLIC'S fascination with Jack has never waned since the autumn of 1888. That's when he commenced his slashing ways, murdering five prostitutes from the night of Aug. 31 to the night of Nov. 9, a matter of 70 days.

To fully comprehend the phenomenon that was Jack the Ripper, it is necessary to have some understanding of the turbulent conditions which existed in London's East end at the time of his crimes. The Whitechapel area was the melting pot of Europe. It is estimated that 75,000 prostitutes roamed the streets amidst the more than 20,000 unemployed. Over 100,000 people lived in workhouses. Living conditions were deplorable, alcoholism a way of life. The Ripper series of murders, perhaps more than any other single factor, brought the horrendous economic and social plight of Whitechapel to the attention of the world.

STAGGERING

Jack's first victim was Mary Ann Nicholls. Mary, a down and out prostitute, had seen 42 autumns come and go. She was not a looker. Mary was very chubby, short and missing her four front teeth. On the last night of her life, she was turned away from the flea bag where she lived because she was unable to raise four pennies for a night's lodging.

After she left the doss house, Mary managed to sell her body for a few pennies, but couldn't resist spending the proceeds on gin. Later that night, fellow pro Nelly Holland saw Mary staggering in the streets, hardly able to walk.

At 3:15 a.m., a police officer on his beat strolled down Bucks Row. He noticed nothing unusual. Thirty minutes later, two carters spotted what they perceived to be a useful piece of canvas bundled up at the side of the

road. Upon taking a closer look, they saw blood oozing from the bundle. They wasted little time running away to fetch a policeman.

A moment later, before the two men returned, the police officer on his beat came across Mary's body. The time of death was thus established at between 3:15 and 3:45 a.m. Mary's throat had been cut from ear to ear and she had been disembowelled.

At the time it was theorized that Mary's assailant had placed a hand over her mouth and slashed her throat from behind. He then proceeded to mutilate the body. The slashes to the abdomen were of such a distinctive nature that when later bodies were examined, they were immediately attributed to the one man, who would forever be known as Jack the Ripper.

Shortly after the first killing, a rumour spread throughout Whitechapel that Mary had been friendly with a shoemaker, who habitually wore a leather apron. Based on little more than that, a Polish immigrant, John Pizer, was arrested and charged with the murder. A coroner's inquest completely exonerated Pizer and he was released from custody.

Eight days after Mary's murder, Annie Chapman, a destitute prostitute, became the Ripper's second victim. Annie, like Mary, was turned away from her Dorset St. doss house because she lacked a few pennies for her bed.

Annie's body was found at 6 a.m. behind 29 Hanbury St. by John Davis, who lived in the same building. This second location was only 200 yards from the spot where Mary had met her end. While the mutilations to Annie's body were even more vicious than the previous murder, the slashes to the abdomen left no doubt that the same madman was at work.

The news of the two distinctive murders in eight days swept through Whitechapel. The streets, if not teeming with people during the wee hours of the morning, were still well travelled. No one saw the killer, yet he must have been covered with blood. On both occasions, wide awake citizens were well within earshot of the murders, yet heard nothing.

The police appeared to be helpless. This gave rise to vigilante committees, who formed patrols and otherwise attempted to protect the public. At the same, they tried to capture the killer.

On Sept. 30, the Ripper went to work once more. This time he murdered prostitutes Elizabeth Stride and Catherine Eddowes on the same night.

Peddler Louis Diemshutz drove his horse and cart into the yard at 40 Berners St. The horse shied. Louis jumped down from the cart and observed the body of Liz Stride. Her throat had been slashed from ear to ear, but there were no mutilations to the abdomen. The Ripper had been interrupted.

Forty-five minutes later, in Mitre Square, Catherine Eddowes became Jack's fourth victim. She was mutilated in the now familiar fashion.

It is an erroneous belief that the Ripper was never seen by anyone. Such is not the case. Various witnesses claimed to have seen the last two victims

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with a man before they were killed. From their descriptions, police believe the Ripper was better dressed than the average inhabitant of Whitechapel. He was probably around 30 years of age, about 5-foot-7, with a dark complexion and moustache.

It is most probable that Jack the Ripper had some medical or at least butcher's training, not only because of the distinctive slashes, but because he surgically removed a kidney from the body of Catherine Eddowes.

In his boldest move of all, Jack wrote to the editors of the Central News Agency two days before the double murder. Here is the text of that letter:

'DOWN ON WHORES'

"Dear Boss, I keep on hearing the police have caught me but they won't fix me just yet. I have laughed when they looked so clever and talk about being on the right track. The joke about Leather Apron gave me real fits.

"I am down on whores and shan't quit ripping them till I do get buckled.

Grand work, the last job was. I gave the lady no time to squeal. How can they catch me now? I love my work and want to start again. You will soon hear of me and my funny little games.

"I have saved some of the proper red stuff in a ginger beer bottle over the last job, to write with, but it went thick like glue and I can't use it. Red ink is fit enough I hope. Ha! Ha!

"The next job I do I shall clip the ladies ears off and send to the police officers just for jolly wouldn't you. Keep this letter back till I do a bit more work, then give it out straight. My knife is nice and sharp and I want to get to work right away if I get a chance. Good luck. Yours truly, Jack the Ripper."

A few hours after the double murder, another letter was received: "I was no coddling dear old Boss when I gave you the tip. You'll hear about saucy Jack's work tomorrow. Double event this time. Number one squealed a bit. Couldn't finish straight off. Had not time to get ears for police. Thanks for keeping last letter back till I got to work again. Jack the Ripper."

These two letters are believed to be genuine, but there was more to come. Within days of the publication of the two letters, George Lusk, the chairman of the Whitechapel Vigilance Committee, received a small cardboard box, together with a note. The note read: "Mr. Lusk. Sir I send you half the Kidne I took from one woman prasarved it for you, tother piece I fried and ate it was very nice. I may send you the bloody knif that took it out if you only wate a whil longer. Catch me if you can Mr. Lusk."

GIN-SODDEN KIDNEY

Inside the box was a kidney. Upon examination, it was revealed that it had been removed from a human female body within the previous two weeks. The woman was around 45 years old. The kidney was gin-sodden and was in an advanced state of Bright's disease. Catherine Eddowes was 43. Gin was her favourite drink and she suffered from Bright's disease. There was little doubt that Jack the Ripper had written the letter and sent the kidney.

On the night of Nov. 9, the last and by far the most attractive of all the



Ripper's victims fell under his knife. Twenty-five-year-old Mary Kelly brought her killer to her small rented room at 13 Miller's Court. At 10:45 p.m., John Bowyer, a messenger, was sent to Mary's room to collect back rent. It was he who discovered her horribly mutilated body. For the first time, Jack had not been compelled to hurry at his work. Mary's body was mutilated beyond description.

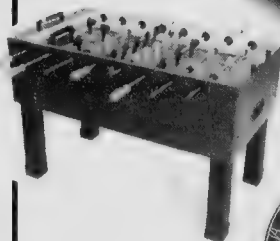
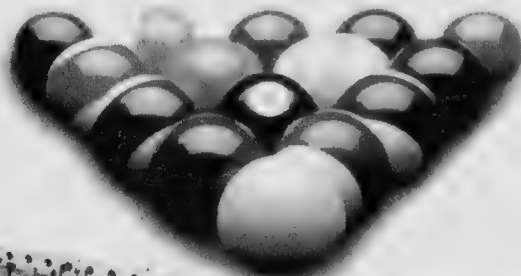
And then the killings stopped. Most criminologists believe that Jack the Ripper would only cease killing if he were apprehended or dead. The theories are many concerning the Ripper's true identity. Canadian Dr. Neil Cream, who said, "I am Jack the" as he plunged to his death on the scaffold in 1892, has always been a prime candidate. So is the Duke of Clarence, the grandson of Queen Victoria.

Alas, all the theories have flaws. Dr. Cream was in an Illinois prison when the Ripper prowled the streets of Whitechapel. The Duke of Clarence was at Sandringham from Nov. 3 to Nov. 12, and was definitely not in London when Mary Kelly was murdered.

The true identity of Jack the Ripper is as much a puzzle today as it was on the night so long ago when a sinister figure slipped out of 13 Miller's Court, leaving behind a mystery which has fascinated us all for almost a century.

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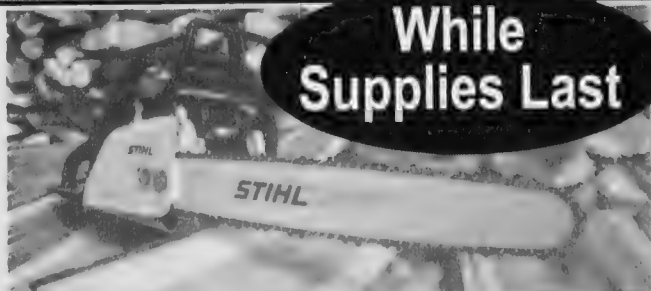
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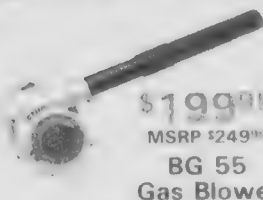
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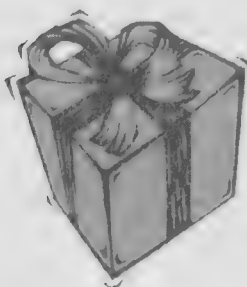
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There were 6 sams in the last issue. They were hidden in the following ads:

Minden Hills Museum; Prentice Power Sports Ltd.; Minden Subaru; Psychic-Spiritual Readings; Highland Cleaning Service; Mark Evans Plumbing

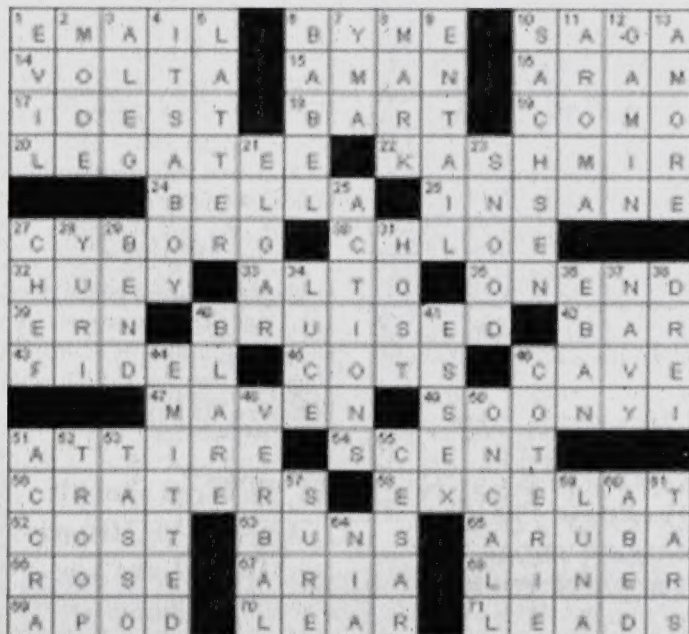
**The winner of last month's Spot Sam contest is
Lynda Pawluch of Minden**

Who Dun It Solution: From Pg 38

Answer: Detective Minden noticed that all the broken glass was outside the house, indicating that the glass was broken from the inside to make it look like a forced entry. Had someone broken in from the outside, the glass would have been on the inside of the house.



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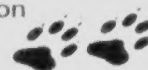
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Highlander of the Year:

Carol Moffatt was awarded Highlander of the Year at the recent Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. The following is part of the nomination which outlines why she was nominated – and it pretty well explains why she was chosen and is certainly a worthy Highlander of the Year....

The major achievement for which Carol Moffatt is being nominated is the Hawk Lake Log Chute; a seven-year project that proved Carol is a person with incredible perseverance. This project put together local, regional and provincial history in a relevant and interesting format in a stunning and unique landscape, the scope of which is difficult to imagine without visiting the site. The Log Chute project transformed a dilapidated and broken wooden log chute surrounded by overgrown grass, fallen trees and an old outhouse into an historic site complete with park, 8-pannelled interpretive kiosk, privy and picnic area and scene lookouts.



Carol Moffatt - Known For Work On Hawk Lake Log Chute Project

The Chute itself is 220" long, and is built of Hemlock timbers 6x8x10 and 6x8x20. From top to top, the chute is almost 13' wide and the structure stands 10 feet tall. This project took seven years to complete, including persistent public relations and fundraising, and applications to tow government funding opportunities. - One was declined and the other took two years to get approved.



The project was carried out primarily by volunteers and was orchestrated entirely by one person - also a volunteer for most of the project. Without benefit of charitable status or access to any foundations, Carol generated some \$20,000 of in-kind labour and materials donations from the community, and raised another \$26,000 in donated cash. About \$200 a month in donations continues today.

Public response to the project has been overwhelming and the increase in visitation to the site has been unbelievable. Early figures indicated the site would receive between 8,000 and 10,000 visitors per year.

Carol has made other contributions and community leadership within the community and continues to do so today.

Leadership Examples: Founder of the Stanhope Museum; Volunteer Chairperson for 10 years, still active today; Co-creator of Annual Heritage Day at Stanhope Museum; Founding board member of Canoe FM and of Friends of St. Stephen's Church (Boshkung).

Carol also boasts a list of other community volunteer involvement that would astound many such as Arts Council Marketing committee; Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors 1991 - 1994 then 2002; Frost Centre Area Canoe Committee (Now Water Trails); Member of the Economic Diversification Committee of County Council and so much more.

Carol is a big booster of Haliburton Highlands and her Hawk Lake Log Chute helps preserve a culture and history of Haliburton Highlands that was and still is important i.e. forestry.

Pictured above is
Carol at the Historic
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Business of the Year:

Cottage Dreams - Providing A Vacation For Those Who May Not Otherwise Have The Opportunity To Get Away

Cottage Dreams was recently awarded the 2005 Business of the Year award. The following is their actual nomination form which outlines the reasons why this organization was chosen as Business of the Year....

Why Cottage Dreams?

Cottage Dreams Recovery Initiative is a unique, Canadian community based charity providing a supportive cancer care service to cancer patients as they come out of active treatment.

Why? Because cancer fractures lives and families.

As a result of her own mother's breast cancer diagnosis, life-long cottager Seana O'Neill decided that she would like to share her Haliburton, Ontario cottage with those who would not otherwise have the opportunity to get away. She was inspired to invite cancer survivors to visit her cottage when she was not there and thought other cottager owners would do the same if given the opportunity. The response to the idea was immediate, passionate and sparked the creation of Cottage Dreams, a one-of-a-kind registered charity that provides time away at a donated cottage to bring cancer survivors and their families together to recover, reconnect and rebuild their lives in a natural setting. In September 2003, Cottage Dreams placed its first six cancer survivors into donated cottages in some of Ontario's most beautiful recreational destinations.

Since that first year, this unique cottage lending program has grown to include over 250 cottages across Ontario, with plans to expand nationwide by 2010. The interest and generosity of cottage owners continues to confirm that the desire to share this central aspect of their lives is very strong. With 240,000 waterfront properties in Ontario alone, Cottage Dreams will continue to become a charitable tour de force with everyone who has been impacted by a cancer diagnosis.



Major advances in cancer treatment are resulting in more people winning their war with cancer. Coming out of active treatment, more and more Canadians will become cancer survivors, faced with rebuilding their lives, reconnecting with their families and friends and rejoining their workplace and community. Moreover, a cancer diagnosis often brings financial hardship for the patient and their family as work schedules are interrupted, sometimes for lengthy periods. A time away to heal, reflect and rebuild is unaffordable. Cottage Dreams exists to provide, at no cost to the family, the opportunity for a turning point to move on to emotional, spiritual and physical recovery.

Cottage Dreams facilitates a new kind of community building based on shared values between cottage donors and cottage visitors. This unique sharing experience enhances the successful return to wellness and active participation in the community for the cancer survivor and their family and allows the cottage owner to make a direct and personal contribution.

For more information please visit www.cottagedreams.org

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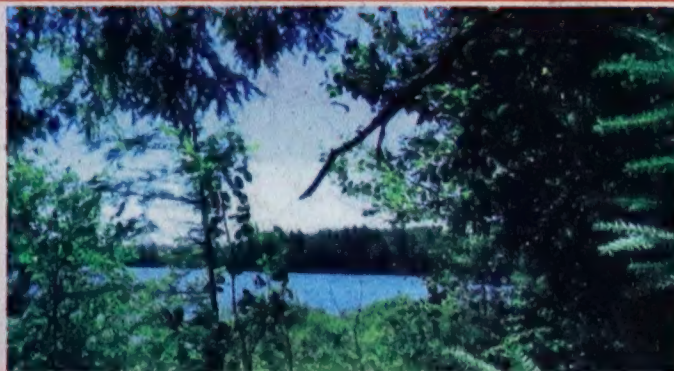


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Paddy's Bay



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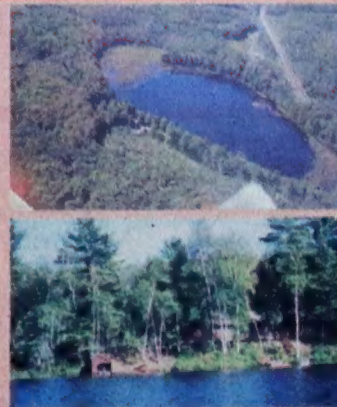
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